

proportion to Texas, Mexican-Americans everywhere, and to the United States. In dangerous and difficult times, he and other Mexican American lawyers worked tirelessly to defend our communities' interests. We are all in his debt."

Judge deAnda is indeed an inspiration to the Hispanic and non-Hispanic community, and a positive example to the many who will continue to stand on his shoulders for generations to come.

HONORING BOY SCOUT TROOP 85 ON 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Boy Scout Troop 85 in Moweaqua, Illinois on 50 years of service and success. On Saturday, August 12, 2006, the troop celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Over the past 50 years Boy Scout Troop 85 has produced 69 Eagle Scouts. Among former members are the two doctors in Moweaqua, a career military officer, preacher, lawyer, dentist and many other outstanding members of the workforce.

The scouts of Troop 85 work hard each year and participate in many hours of community service. They annually conduct a food drive for the Moweaqua Food Pantry and assist the Rotary Club in recycling efforts.

It is my pleasure to congratulate Boy Scout Troop 85 on 50 years of success. I wish them all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNITION OF OSAGE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate a distinguished citizen and constituent. More specifically, it is my pleasure to announce the nomination of Ms. Claire Schoenborn, of Osage, Iowa, by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278 for Member of the Year.

Ms. Schoenborn is a vital member of the community in Osage, Iowa. The widow of a World War II veteran, she has repeatedly demonstrated her dedication to volunteerism and community service. Ms. Schoenborn is able to spread joy and brighten lives in many ways.

As a cancer survivor, Ms. Schoenborn is actively involved in the Mitchell County Relay for Life and the Home Trust Helping Hands Team fundraising efforts. She is also a member of the Association for Retarded Citizens, and until recently, an important volunteer in the Bridges Mentoring Program. Perhaps the most valuable part of Ms. Schoenborn's community service services is her dedication to visiting the elderly, the ill and the shut-ins.

And so today I rise to recognize Ms. Claire Schoenborn for her commitment to the betterment of the community and I congratulate Ms.

Schoenborn on her nomination for Member of the Year by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 278. May Ms. Schoenborn continue to serve her community for many years."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO PIERRE AND PAM OMDIYAR

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Pierre and Pam Omidyar for their innovative philanthropic work.

Pierre Omidyar graduated from Tufts University in 1988, with a degree in Computer Science. After graduating college, Pierre began working as a software engineer for Claris, a subsidiary of the Apple Computer Company. He co-founded Ink Development Corp. which was later acquired by Microsoft. Shortly thereafter, at just 28 years old, Pierre created the website that would become eBay.

Pam Omidyar graduated from Tufts University in 1988, with a degree in Biology. She earned a Masters in Molecular Biology at the University of California, Santa Cruz and much of her early career was spent in laboratory research. Throughout her life, Pam has been devoted to bettering the world around her. She has committed herself to several causes, but is most passionate about helping alleviate chronic illness in children. She is the founder of HopeLab, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting scientific research that will help improve the quality of life for those who suffer from chronic illnesses.

The intense financial success with eBay prompted Pierre and his wife Pam to find ways to give back to society. After moving to Henderson, Nevada, Pierre and Pam Omidyar converted their family foundation to the Omidyar Network. The Omidyar Network takes a very novel approach to charitable giving. Unlike most organizations of its kind, the Omidyar Network is founded on the principles of microfinance and has the ability to fund nonprofit, for-profit and public policy efforts. The mission of the Omidyar Network is to "enable individual self-empowerment on a global scale," and "to employ business as a tool for social good." As a result of this outstanding network, countless people and organizations have received the tools necessary to cultivate economic growth, self-sufficiency and community enrichment.

Pierre and Pam Omidyar remain actively involved with their alma mater, Tufts University, as well as several other organizations that strive to benefit society. To further accomplish the goals of the Omidyar Network, the Omidyar's recently donated 100 million dollars to Tufts University to launch the Omidyar-Tufts Microfinance Fund.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Pierre and Pam Omidyar for their compassion and sincere desire to improve the world around them. Their innovative approach has made a difference in many lives and I wish them well in their continued endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE POWER OF THE BILLBOARD

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, at times, invention is born from tragic circumstances, and, as the saying goes, out of necessity.

In the summer of 2002, a Kansas man named Roger Kemp experienced a brutally searing loss. His daughter Ali, 19, was attacked and killed at her place of work. She had just finished her freshman year at Kansas State University—with a bright future—and was working at the neighborhood pool in Leawood, Kansas. Her father, Roger, found her body in the pump room at the pool.

Determined to find the person who killed his daughter, Mr. Kemp came up with an idea while driving to work: display "wanted" information on a billboard.

When Roger Kemp described his idea to Lamar Advertising Company, the company declined to take his money, but agreed to help by donating billboard space. "Wanted" billboards featured a composite sketch of a suspect, along with a phone number for anonymous tips to police. It took nearly 2 years, but a tip in response to the billboards helped police apprehend the man (in 2004) accused of killing Ali Kemp.

With encouragement from Roger Kemp, police in the Kansas City area began using billboards to resolve other murder cases. To date, at least 8 murder suspects have been apprehended from tips prompted by "wanted" billboards, donated as a public service.

The success of billboards in Kansas City drew the attention of John Walsh and his TV program, "America's Most Wanted." Since May of 2005, John Walsh has been using donated billboards to help police find fugitives, in conjunction with his TV show, Internet site, and radio program. John Walsh, who knows a great deal about capturing fugitives, says billboards are effective as a crime-fighting tool because they are ever-present and generate quality anonymous tips.

Meanwhile, the concept that Roger Kemp pioneered in Kansas City is spreading across America, to communities large and small.

After a jail break in Yakima County, WA, on November 25, 2005, several inmates were caught quickly. Two who remained on the run were shown on a billboard and were in custody the next month.

In Tennessee, an accused child molester fled in February of this year after cutting off the electronic monitoring device on his ankle. For the first time, Nashville Metro Police used billboards to help find a fugitive; the suspect was arrested on July 19. Two of the five "wanted" billboards in Nashville were innovative digital billboards, featuring a static computer-generated image.

In July, an outdoor advertising company donated billboards in the Phoenix area as part of the effort to help police stop serial crimes; authorities arrested a suspect in the "Baseline Killer" case very recently.

In a sense, "wanted" posters are part of American history, from the days of Jesse James to the "wanted" pictures I saw at the Post Office growing up in Chisholm, MN. The success story of "wanted" billboards serves to

remind us that billboards are a significant medium of communication. We know that billboards promote brands, sell products, and direct motorists to roadway services. But outdoor advertising is also an important forum for non-commercial speech, helping law enforcement and non-profit groups such as the American Red Cross.

We are just a year past the 40th anniversary of the Highway Beautification Act—an appropriate occasion to make note of the evolving contribution of billboards, now adding community service: supporting public safety and security by reviving a proven, effective idea from our past: the “wanted” poster.

HONORING THE ALEXANDRIA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce for its 100 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the community. The Chamber was established for the purpose of making Alexandria, Virginia, a better place to work and live, and, for 100 years, it has done just that.

In its early years, the Chamber of Commerce fought for the rights and well-being of farmers, ranchers, and the poor, and helped raise money for the Red Cross to assist in the inoculation of residents against typhoid and small pox.

In 1918, the Chamber campaigned to change the city's form of government from a trustee and aldermen system to one run by elected officials and a professional city manager, and in just 3 years, it was successful in obtaining the change. The Chamber has also worked to develop strong leaders in Alexandria, most recently with its Leadership Alexandria program that provides upcoming community leaders with a thorough understanding of the city and the most critical challenges it faces.

Over the years, the Chamber of Commerce has worked tirelessly to promote the city's education system. In 1914, the Chamber successfully petitioned for a new high school. Through its Alexandria Education Partnership, many businesses and professional groups in the city support a wide variety of activities that assist the city's schools and students. And since 1966, the Chamber has sponsored an annual Summer Economic Institute that has provided Alexandria teenagers with a unique internship experiences in the business and financial sectors.

I am proud of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the significant contributions it has made over the last 100 years to making the City of Alexandria the wonderful place it is to both work and live. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Chamber on its anniversary and to wish the organization and its members all the best in their future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HON. JERRY LEWIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like today to congratulate the trustees, faculty and students of the San Bernardino Valley College as they celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of this vital education provider in my home town of San Bernardino, California.

Beginning with 140 students at two high school campuses in 1926, San Bernardino Valley Community College has grown into a district with two modern campuses and thousands of students. It has served more than 700,000 students over the past 80 years.

Valley College, as it was known when I was growing up in San Bernardino, has long been a pillar of the local educational community—and for some time was our only public institution for higher education. We now have California State University San Bernardino and nearby University of California, Riverside. But because of its range of programs, Valley College is still the destination of choice for many students.

The college's low cost and dedication to helping students of all economic backgrounds has made Valley College's student body one of the most diverse in the Nation. Its graduates go on to complete four-year degrees at top universities, and provide the skilled labor for the area's rapidly growing economy.

I have been proud over the years to have supported Valley College's efforts to improve its campus and programs. With the help of earthquake mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the college has completely remade its central facilities, tearing down main buildings and replacing them with a new library, Health and Human Sciences Building, administration and student services building and the newest addition—a 37,000-square-foot Campus Center. A new art building with a modern gallery is set to open next year.

Valley College is also home to one of the few broadcast television operations in the Inland Empire—its public-television station KVCR. I have been pleased to work with the district to secure funding to upgrade these facilities to meet new high-definition requirements. This station and its related public radio station provide tremendous access to the airwaves for the diverse student body, which makes this a top asset for the community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in offering congratulations to the trustees, administration, faculty and students of this important institution, and offering our best wishes for the future success of the district and those who make it such a success.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICER BOBBY KINTZEL

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Nevada Highway Patrol Officer Bobby Kintzel, whose story of perseverance and discipline should serve as an example to us all.

On April 21, 2001, Bobby Kintzel, a Gulf War U.S. Marine veteran, was laying a tire strip on U.S. Highway 95 to puncture the tires of a stolen sports utility vehicle. The driver avoided the strip and purposely targeted Bobby, leaving him maimed and tragically killing a woman. Bobby suffered numerous injuries and was immediately air-lifted to University Medical Center. He stayed in the hospital for a year and underwent various surgeries. The weekly rehabilitation exercises became a personal test for Bobby, and all the while he kept in mind three words: adapt, improvise, overcome, a personal motto Bobby learned while in the Marine Corp. After he was released from the hospital, he lived in a rehabilitation facility and underwent occupational therapy and learned computer software. These days, the 35-year-old is still battling to recover, but he has come a long way.

Still employed by the Nevada Highway Patrol, he works in an office, using the skills he learned during his occupational therapy. He also gives back to the community that gave him an outpouring of support immediately following his injuries. Bobby has spoken at high school assemblies, at Nellis Air Force Base, at a juvenile detention center and, on every third Wednesday of the month at the Clark County Library, to those who have DUI convictions. Bobby also mentors a Las Vegas hockey team made up of 15- to 18-year-olds.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Nevada Highway Patrol Officer Bobby Kintzel. His long and challenging recovery is truly a story of discipline and determination. I wish him the best with his continuing recovery.

HONORING MR. W.F. “BILL”
WELLMAN

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to honor my good friend Mr. W.F. “Bill” Wellman for his illustrious career and innumerable contributions to his native Northwest Indiana community. With a life of such diverse experiences and a career that has taken countless turns, it is hard to sum up the life of Bill Wellman without the word “entertainer.” I am proud to call Bill a friend, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to congratulate him on his new autobiography, “It's Made to Sell—Not to Drink!” I am truly impressed by this self-published work that covers a fascinating life of eight decades.

Bill was born in LaPorte, Indiana, and his career has taken him around the world. He grew up learning the service industry from his father, Guy Wellman, Sr., who opened a bar